STATEMENT

Details regarding physical progress of various construction activities of Ranganadi HE Project (405 MW) :

Activities	Status of Completion Anticipated date of Completion
1. Diversion Tunnel	Complete
2. Diversion Dam	
(a) Coffer Dam	Complete
(b) Excavation for foundation (c) Concreting	Likely to be completed by December, 2000
3. Main Tunnel	
(a) Boring	Complete
(b) Concreting	To be completed by February, 2001
4. Power House Civil Works	
(a) Excavation (b) Concreting	To be completed by June, 2001
5. Electrical Works	
(a) TG Set (b) GT Set (c) EOT Crane	Material/Equipment reached at Project Site, work in progress, likely to be completed by March, 2001.
(d) Switch Yard	

Development of Power Sector for North East

2878. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the salient recommendations of the Shukla Commission appointed under PM's special initiative for the North East on development of Power Sector; and

(b) the action plan finalised, total outlays, target fixed and achievement made so far in implementing each of the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) A statement showing the salient recommendations of the Shukla Commission relating to development of power in North Eastern Region and Sikkim *vis-a-vis* action taken thereon is enclosed (*See* below).

In order to give an added thrust for the development of power sector in North Eastern Region and Sikkim, the Ministry of Power has taken following initiatives :—

(i) Power Finance Corporation is providing 1% additional subsidy during the 9th Plan on loans granted to projects in NER under the Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme.

(ii) Financial assistance for improvement/strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution in NER.

(iii) An action plan for the development of Dihang and Subansiri river basins and six hydro electric projects with a total capacity of 20,700 MW have been planned to be developed in a phased manner. Dihang River Basin will provide for a capacity of 13,400 MW and Subansiri River Basin will provide for a capacity of 7300 MW.

(iv) The Government has accorded investment approvals for the Loktak and Teesta-V projects of NHPC. Further, investment approvals in respect of Tuivai project and Kameng project of NEEPO are in progress. Other 10th and 11th Plan projects identified for the North Eastern Region include Tuirial, Kopili Stage-II, Ranganadi Stage-II, Dikrong, Lower Kopili and Tipaimukh.

(v) Financial assistance from Government of India is proposed for setting up of Joint States Electricity Regulatory Commission for the 7 (seven) North Eastern States and Sikkim. A provision for Rs. 50 lakh has been kept for 2000-2001.

Statement

DEVELOPMENT OF POWER SECTOR IN NORTH EAST

Recommendation of Shukla Committee	Action taken
Full funding to on-going power projects to avoid any time over-runs	Ministry of Power has been meeting full funding requirements of North Eastern cost lost Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) for their sanctioned and on-going Central Sector Power Projects
Action to refine perspective power development programme for the North East :	The Following Hydroelectric Power Projects have identified to be taken up in the North Eastern region : Kameng HE Project (600 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh -NEEPCO Tuivai HE Project (210 MW) in Mizoram -NEEPCO Tipaimukh HE Project (1500MW) in Manipur -NEEPCO Exploitation of Dehang and Subansiri Basin in Arunachal Pradesh (21000 MW) -NHPC
Resolution of executive agency for Karbi Langpi, Kameng and Loktak Downstream Hydro-projects.	Karbi Langpi HE Project (100 MW) is a State Sector Project and being implemented by Assam State Electricity Board. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has been extended loan assistance. Kameng HE Project (600 MW) is to be executed by NEEPCO Loktak Downstream HE Project (90 MW) has been sanctioned and to be executed by NHPC.

Recommendation of Shukla Committee	Action taken
Re-Organisation of Assam and Meghalaya Electricity Boards/Constitution of Tariff Regulatory Authority, Corporation of all the Electricity Boards of North East.	During Power Ministers' conference held in January, 2000 at Guwahati, Ministry of Power has agreed that subject to the States in North Eastern Region and Sikkim following the process of unbundling and corporatisation, financial assistance will be extended to the States for setting up of individual/joint SERC.
Fund allocation to Brahmaputra Board for undertaking the Dihang and Subansiri cascade studies.	NHPC has been assigned the work of survey and investigation of Dehang and Subansiri Basin (21000 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh.

Misutilisation of funds

2879. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) have taken action for misutilisation of funds by the social organisation during the last five years;

(b) if so, the name of the organisations, State-wise, alongwith the funds allotted and the year-wise details; and

(c) the action taken in the matter/proposed and the amount of recovery/ proceedings initiated by Government with year-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement showing the details of the names of the organisations, State-wise, alongwith the funds allotted to each of them, year-wise, and the action taken/proposed to be taken, for recovery of amount misutilised/proceedings initiated for the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1999-2000, is enclosed (*see* below). No misutilisation of funds for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 was reported.